

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the present application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (canceled).

2. (currently amended) An information management A
recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 54, wherein said
reproduction disabling means circuit erases at least a portion of the main
information transmitted signal recorded on said recording medium.

3. (currently amended) An information management A
recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 54, wherein said
reproduction disabling means circuit rewrites other information another signal
over at least a portion of the main information transmitted signal recorded on
said recording medium.

4. (currently amended) An information management A
recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 54, wherein said
reproduction disabling means circuit disables the main information transmitted
signal, recorded on the recording medium, within a predetermined time after
said main information reproducer reproduces the transmitted signal.

5. (new) An information management apparatus comprising:
a receiver which receives main information;

a recorder which records said main information on a recording medium;
 a main information reproducer which reproduces said main information
on said recording medium; and
 a reproduction management means for managing said main
information reproducer,

 wherein said reproduction management means is provided with a
reproduction disabling means for disabling operation of said main information
reproducer, and

 wherein said reproduction disabling means comprises:
 decision means for deciding whether the reproduction disabling
function of said reproduction disabling means is normal, and
 a reproduction start refusing means for refusing a reproduction start
command requesting start of an operation for reproducing said main
information, when said decision means decides that said reproduction
disabling means is abnormal.